

Section 5: The Fall of Rome (pp. 236-240)

Recognize Key Concepts

1. List 3-5 factors that contributed to the decline of the Roman Empire.
2. What did the emperor Constantine do to show his support of Christianity?

Applies and Interprets Concepts

3. Examine your list of factors from #1. What effect did these factors have on the health and stability of the empire?
4. Why did Constantine try to strengthen the Christian church?

Critical Thinking

5. Why was the Roman army unable to resist the invading armies of the northern tribes?
6. Today, we think of the fall of the Western Roman Empire in AD 476 as a great turning point in history. However, some historians think most people in those days hardly noticed any change. Why do you think that might have been true?